

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The audio-video transmitting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission format information include (1) an identifier for identifying a program or data to be used by a receiving apparatus later and (2) at least one of a flag, counter, and timer as information for knowing the point of time in which said program or data is used or the term of validity for using said program or data comprising transmitting means for transmitting the content concerned with a transmitting method and/or the structure of data to be transmitted or an identifier showing the content as transmission format information through a transmission line same as that of the data to be transmitted or a transmission line different from the data transmission line,

wherein said transmission format information include (1) an identifier for identifying a program or data to be used by a receiving apparatus later and (2) an information for knowing the point of time in which said program or data is used or the term of validity for using said program or data.

8.-94. (Cancelled).

95. (New) The audio-video transmitting apparatus according to claim 7,

wherein said information for knowing the point of time in which said program or data is used or the term of validity for using said program or data is at least one of a flag, a counter, and a timer.

96. (New) The audio-video receiving apparatus comprising receiving means for receiving the content concerned with a transmitting method and/or the structure of data to be transmitted or an identifier showing the content as transmission format information through a transmission line same as that of the data to be transmitted or a transmission line different from the data transmission line,

wherein said transmission format information include (1) an identifier for identifying a program or data to be used by a receiving apparatus later and (2) an information for knowing the point of time in which said program or data is used or the term of validity for using said program or data.

97. (New) The audio-video receiving apparatus according to claim 96,

wherein said information for knowing the point of time in which said program or data is used or the term of validity for using said program or data is at least one of a flag, a counter, and a timer.

98. (New) A transmitting apparatus comprising transmitting means for transmitting the content concerned with a transmitting method and/or the structure of data to be transmitted or an identifier showing the content as transmission format information to a receiving apparatus,

wherein said transmission format information include (1) an identifier for identifying a program or data to be used by said receiving apparatus for later processing and (2) an information of the point of time in which said program or data is used for processing, or an information for knowing the term of validity for using said program or data for processing, and

wherein said receiving apparatus is used to determine said identifier and said information, and to setup said identified program or data in advance to be used for processing said identified program or data according to said information.

99. (New) The transmitting apparatus according to claim 98,

wherein said information of the point of time in which said program or data is used for processing, or said information for knowing the term of validity for using said program or data for processing is at least one of a flag, a counter, and a timer.

100. (New) A receiving apparatus comprising receiving means for receiving the content concerned with a transmitting method and/or the structure of data to be transmitted or an identifier showing the content as transmission format information, and control means for determining said transmission format information and processing data,

wherein said transmission format information include (1) an identifier for identifying a program or data to be used by said receiving apparatus for later processing and (2) an information of the point of time in which said program or data is used for processing, or an information for knowing the term of validity for using said program or data for processing, and

wherein said control means determines said identifier and said information, and setups said identified program or data in advance to be used for processing said identified program or data according to said information.

101. (New) The receiving apparatus according to claim 100,

wherein said information of the point of time in which said program or data is used for processing, or said information for knowing the term of validity for using said program or data for processing is at least one of a flag, a counter, and a timer.